Please enter the following testimony into the Government Administration Elections (GAE) Committee Public Hearing starting Wednesday, March 10 at 1:00 PM.

I urge all members of the Government Administration Elections Committee, and all members of the General Assembly, to vote Yes on the four bills in question:

- •SB 753 An Act Counting Incarcerated Persons for Purposes of Determining Legislative Districts.
- •HB 5318 An Act Restoring Electoral Privileges to Convicted Felons Who are on Parole.
- •SB 1017 Concerning Election Administration.
- •SB 1014 An Act Concerning a Municipal Election Monitor for the 2021 Municipal Election and the 2022 State Election.

All of these bills will increase the fairness of our elections. Connecticut has for too long made it difficult or impossible for some citizens to vote, and has used "prison gerrymandering" to distort the effect of our legislative districts. The administrative reforms in SB 1017 will facilitate absentee voting and allow our elections to be run more smoothly. Similarly, SB 1014 will ensure that smaller municipalities have proper monitoring to detect and prevent any irregularities.

Sincerely,

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